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SON OF OLD 10TH CAVALRY VET WEST POINT CANDIDATE

Tuscon, Ariz., Dec. 3.—Vance H. Marchbanks, Jr., 19, at present a student at the University of Arizona, will take the competitive examinations at Fort Bliss, Tex., March 1, 1927, in an effort to be the first Race youth in 29 years to enter the national military academy at West Point, N. Y.

His friend and path-maker, the late Col. Charles Young, who finished from the military academy in 1889, fired him with the ambition to carry on the army traditions of his Race and family. He has devoted all of his years to preparing himself in order to be physically and mentally fit for these rigid examinations. This young man has soldiered in all of the outposts of the country and knows the manual of military tactics better than a number of the fourth year men now at the military institution.

His father, the highest ranking warrant officer with the famous Tenth cavalry, has spent the greater part of his life in the army service. At the outbreak of the World's war he was commissioned to a captaincy and saw service in the front line trenches.

On his discharge from the service as a reserve officer he immediately re-enlisted with his old outfit. His son has lived the life of a soldier and has experienced the life of a soldier everywhere except France. While his father trained his men for overseas service at Camp Meade, Md., he lived in the barracks with him. He remained in Washington with his mother and sister while his father was in France.

He is preparing himself in the subjects of theories and languages at the university, but every week-end finds him back with his father and the troops of the Tenth at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., learning the art of soldiering from veterans.



V. H. Marchbanks

WEST POINT CANDIDATE



VANCE HUNTER MARCHBANKS, JR.

Vance H. Marchbanks, Jr., a 20-year-old sophomore at the University of Arizona, the son of Warrant Officer and Mrs. Vance H. Marchbanks of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., is preparing for the rigid West Point U. S. Military Academy entrance examination at Fort Bliss, Tex., March 1, next, following his appointment for the same by President Calvin Coolidge.

Knows Soldier Life

Marchbanks, Jr., was born at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, and has grown up around army posts. He accompanied his father around the world, visiting foreign stations during his childhood. He first attended school at Essex Junction, Vermont, from 1909-12, while his father was stationed at Fort Eathap Allen with the 1st Cavalry. He attended school at Chicago from 1915-16, at Washington, D. C., from 1917-19, finishing high school from Tennessee State Normal at Nashville, Tennessee in 1923. He entered the University of Arizona in 1924.

Receives Support

Marchbanks, Jr.'s appointment accepted September 1, 1926. The following statement was received in a letter from Robt. C. Davis, Major General, the Adjutant General of the Army:

"Your formal acceptance of your conditional cadet appointment has been received and placed on file. The Department sincerely hopes that you will be able to qualify mentally and physically for the Military Academy and desires to assist you in every possible way."

In the preliminary physical examination at Fort Huachuca, Marchbanks, Jr. was rated "very good."

Father in Army 31 Years

Marchbanks, Sr. has served 31 years in the U. S. Army; 6 years in the 9th Cavalry, 16 years in the 10th Cavalry, 2 years as Captain in the National Army during the World War, 1 year in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army, and 6 years as a Warrant Officer U. S. Army.

STORY ABOUT LOCAL BOY IN NEWSPAPER

Contents of a well known Chicago weekly newspaper were featured last week by a news story telling of the appointment of Vance Marchbanks, Jr., local college student, as a competitor in the West Point military academy examination at Fort Bliss, Texas March 1.

The account mentions the service which Marchbanks' father, a warrant officer with the Tenth Cavalry, has performed as a member of that regiment.

Marchbanks was appointed as a competitor from the United States-at-large. He must pass an examination before receiving admission to any vacancy which may exist at the nation's military training school at the time of the opening term in 1927. The account has appeared in several newspapers before.

Vance Marchbanks was rejected by the El Paso Examiners-received an additional appointment to be examined at San Francisco-and shortly after was rejected on age. (The official letter can be presented on request)